

Hubbardston Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mr. Garrison

Sir I this day  
mail a petition to your general  
agent Mr Wallcut headed by  
myself and signed by 580 others  
I can<sup>not</sup> find in every part of the  
town it being I believe the  
3<sup>d</sup> in territory in the county  
I intended to have gone to  
every house but the traveling  
being bad I have omitted  
some 12 or 15. I do hope it  
will not have to be canvass<sup>d</sup>  
again for that purpose  
Our friend Stedman of Vt.  
thinks congress will not abol-  
-ish slavery this session. If  
they will expel Davis of  
Kentucky, I shall have great

hopes that they will soon put  
slavery out of sight,  
I catalogued about half of the  
town some 16 mos. ago find  
a very great change since  
I had only to refresh their  
memories what had taken place  
since that time to get their names  
in most cases. I am satisfied  
it would take a smart copper  
head to get 80 names to have  
the country put back as it was  
before the outbreak, I do not  
think we have a man in the  
town that could get that  
number, although we have a few  
pretty hard heads. If you  
should ~~should~~ see my friend  
Theywood or W. W. Brown, give  
my respects to him. I should  
be very happy to have you  
call and see me if you should  
ever come in this part of the



County, take the liberty to  
send any of your friends  
to my place that you may  
see fit especially those  
who have work to undo the  
heavy burdens and let the  
oppressed go free.

I feel well satisfied with the  
number of names that I have ob-  
tained I believe the largest  
ever got in the place. think  
we must fall short of 1600-  
inhabitants. My Miles thought  
I was quite too old to undertake  
it but I waited some weeks for  
some one to start, it being a  
very busy time with most  
of our people I started  
out a week last Monday  
was 7 day getting round

yours Truly  
L. W. Miles

Levi Miles,  
Hubbardston,  
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